A N N U A L R E P O R T

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1984

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SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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April 2, 1985

To Her Honour
Pearl McGonigal
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba

May It Please Your Honour:

I have the privilege of presenting for the information of Your Honour, the Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly Management Commission for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 1984.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. James Walding
Speaker.

Encl.

REPORT OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1984

Organization

The Legislative Assembly Management Commission (LAMC) came into being on August 18, 1983 when Royal Assent was given to the LAMC Act. The Speaker is the presiding officer of the Commission, four Assembly Members are appointed by the government caucus, three Assembly Members are appointed by the caucus of the official opposition, and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is the Commission's secretary. Meetings of the Commission during the 1983/84 fiscal year were held on November 22, 1983; December 6, 1983; December 20, 1983; January 12, 1984; February 2, 1984; and March 29, 1984.

The LAMC Act assigns the following duties and responsibilities to the Commission:

- reviewing the estimates and staff establishments of the Department of Legislation;
- overseeing the Legilative Assembly's financial activities;
- providing the required facilities and services to the Legislative Assembly;
- formulating policies respecting the administration of the Legislative Assembly; and
- maintaining proper security over the Legislative Assembly Chamber and offices.

The Commission also may advise upon and give directions respecting the efficient and effective operations and management of the Assembly.

At its initial meetings, the Commission's energies were focused on various necessary inaugural or organizational matters including:

- conduct of business;
- type of meeting records to be maintained;
- establishment of signing authorities;
- delegation of authorities; and
- establishment of dollar limits with respect to purchasing authority.

The Commission's principal accomplishments in carrying out its responsibilities can be highlighted under the following headings:

Constituency Allowance Rules

Rules respecting allowable expenses chargeable to the constituency allowance for members provided pursuant to Section 63 of the Legislative Assembly Act were developed and improved as required. As amendments were made to these rules, all MLAs were sent updated copies; therefore, no details are included in this report.

Estimates

The LAMC reviewed and approved for submission to the Minister of Finance the estimates for the Department of Legislation for the fiscal year 1984/85. These estimates include expenditures for the Assembly, the provincial Auditor's Office, the Chief Electoral Officer's Office and the Ombudsman's Office.

Financial Information

During 1983/84 each Member of the Legislative Assembly received an indemnity of $21,216.11 and an expense allowance of $10,608.05 in accordance with provisions of Section 59 of The Legislative Assembly Act. The Speaker received a combined additional indemnity and annual allowance of $15,539.18, while the Deputy Speaker received an additional indemnity of $3,508.29; the Opposition Whip, the Government Whip and the House Leader of the

Official Opposition each received an additional indemnity of $2,500; the Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House received an additional allowance of $2,500.55; and the Leader of the Official Opposition's salary was $19,413.06.

The net revenue derived from fees during the fiscal year covered by this report for petitions for Private Bills, from subscriptions to Bills, to Votes and Proceedings and to Hansard, and from the sale of individual bills amounted to $33,556.27.

The various allowances and privileges specifically provided for in the Legislative Assembly Act totalled:

Constituency Allowance	$54,503.82
Living Allowance	$201,680.00
Committee Allowance	$25,509.02
Mileage Allowance	$74,028.10
Members' Printing Privilege	$2,342.19
	$358,063.13

Salaries of regular and temporary support staff for this period amounted to $470,488.23, while supplies and expenses (including stationery for Members, caucus rooms, committee rooms, etc.) amounted to $278,876.89.

Charges for Legislative Printing and Binding were:

Journals	$7,000.00
Votes and Proceedings	$41,823.83
Orders of the Day	$9,981.29
Private and Public Bills	$23,018.34
	$81,823.46

Salaries paid for Hansard Services, including Recording Equipment Operators, were $259,362.87 and the cost of supplies, expenses and printing of Hansard amounted to $152,226.53, making a total operational cost for this function of $411,589.40.

Hansard Operations

Investigations into the feasibility of establishing separate word processing facilities for Hansard were undertaken at the request of the Commission.

Members' Telephone Privileges

The Commission proposed the amendment of the Legislative Assembly Act to permit Members to charge the cost of all long distance calls placed on Assembly business to the Legislature and recommended the issue of telephone credit cards.

Staffing

Personnel policies based on the Civil Service Regulations were adopted relating to staff members employed under the LAMC Act. These include employees in the Clerk's Office, the Speaker's Office, the Leader of the Official Opposition's Office, the Government Caucus Office, the Opposition Caucus Office, the Hansard Branch, and the Chamber Branch (including Pages). These employees are under the LAMC Act entitled to, as far as possible and practical, all the rights, benefits and privileges of members of the Civil Service.

Subscription Rates - Assembly Publications

The Commission approved rate increases for subscriptions to and over the counter sales of Bills, Votes and Proceedings, Journals and Committee Transcripts which brought these rates generally into line with those being charged by other Canadian legislatures.

New Hansard annual subscription rates were set at $10 for individuals and $40 for business and government subscribers.

Fees charged for issuing certificates respecting the authenticity of legislation enacted by the Assembly were also increased.

Attached is the Provincial Auditor's letter attesting to the accuracy and adequacy of the Commission's financial records. Copies of minutes of Commission meetings held during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1984 are attached.

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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AUDITOR
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December 21, 1984.

Honourable D. James Walding,
Commissioner,
Legislative Assembly Management Commission,
Room 244,
Legislative Building.

Dear Sir:

Re: Legislative Assembly Management Commission

In accordance with the requirements of subsection 3 of section 12 of the Provincial Auditor's Act, I report that we have conducted an audit of the above-mentioned Commission for the year ended March 31, 1984. The said audit did not disclose any matters of a kind to which I wish to direct your attention.

Yours very truly,

W. K. Ziprick, C.A.,
Provincial Auditor.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of a Meeting held on
November 22, 1983
Room 255 Legislative Building

ATTENDANCE: Hon. Mr. Walding (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Anstett, Messrs. Banman and Fox, Ms. Phillips, Hon. Mr. Plohman and Mr. Sherman.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Bryans, Ms. Friesen, Messrs. Mackintosh, Remnant and Tallin.

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission agreed to the following decisions respecting matters considered.

2. AGENDA

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

3. PROPOSED PERSONNEL POLICIES RESPECTING EMPLOYEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OFFICES

That consideration of the topic be deferred till the next meeting.

That negotiations respecting additional benefits for certain categories of employees may be continued but shall not be finalized.

That a report identifying by staff category the added benefits proposed and including estimated costs thereof be prepared for the next meeting.

4. SOUND SYSTEM RECORDING

That the proceedings of the Commission be recorded by sound system but not printed with the reservation that the availability of sound recording services not be a mandatory condition for holding meetings.

5. MANNER OF PROCEEDING

That to maintain as informal an atmosphere as possible decisions be made, to the maximum extent possible, by suggestion and consensus not by motion and vote.

6. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY RE SUPERANNUATION PROVISIONS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACT

That authority to administer Part II of The Legislative Assembly Act (Superannuation) be delegated by the Commission to the Civil Service Superannuation Board.

7. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SPEAKER AND BY THE SPEAKER PURSUANT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION ACT

That the powers granted to the Commission by subsections 8(1) and 8(2) of The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act be delegated to the Speaker.

That the delegation of powers pursuant to subsections 8(1) and sub-section 8(2) paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act by the Speaker to Messrs. Remnant, Mackintosh, and Bryans and to Ms. Friesen be approved.

That the delegation of certain powers pursuant to subsection 8(1) and subsection 8(2) paragraphs (a) and (b) of The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act by the Speaker to the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Chairman of the Government Caucus and the Chairman of the Official Opposition Caucus be approved.

That legal advice be obtained respecting whether or not the Commission may delegate the power to dismiss an employee assigned to it under the Act.

That the delegation of powers pursuant to subsection 10(2) of The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act by the Speaker to the Clerk be approved.

That dollar level delegations in line with newly introduced government practices be presented for consideration at the next meeting.

That a legal interpretation of subsection 10(2) of The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act with particular attention to the phrase "subject to the supervision of the Commission" be presented at the next meeting.

8. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INCREASES TO SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PUBLICATIONS

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATION 1984-1985 MAIN ESTIMATES

CONSIDERATION IN PRINCIPLE OF PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE WORD PROCESSING FACILITY FOR HANSARD PRODUCTION

That consideration of the above matters be deferred to the next meeting.

9. APPLICATION OF T.B. GUIDELINES TO COMMISSION ESTIMATES

That the Commission not be rigidly bound by Treasury Board guidelines respecting estimate preparation but bear those guidelines in mind when considering the estimates of the department.

That reduction options for the 1984-85 main estimates in accordance with Treasury Board Guidelines be prepared and presented at the next meeting.

That reduction options be prepared which either propose cutbacks on a piece-meal basis across the full scope of the department's activities or which propose the elimination of one or more major program elements.

10. OFFICE FOR FORMER LEADER OF OPPOSITION

That this topic be dealt with under the heading of "Other Business".

11. ADVISABILITY OF APPLYING FOR SPECIAL WARRANT FUNDING TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF WORD PROCESSING CAPABILITY IN THE CAUCUS OFFICES

That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

12. APPLICATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT TO COMMISSION MEETINGS

That a legal opinion be obtained for the next meeting indicating whether or not the provisions of The Conflict of Interest Act apply to Commission meetings together with the implications of application and non-application.

That, if appropriate, a motion be prepared for the next meeting to apply the provisions of the Act to Commission meetings on an interim basis until appropriate amendments to the Act can be developed and introduced into the House.

13. PROPOSED CONSTITUENCY ALLOWANCE RULES

That the proposed rules will require extensive consideration prior to finalizing and therefore a list of allowable expenditures be developed immediately to serve in the interim until final Rules are adopted.

That the list of allowable expenses developed by the Commission, appendix "A" attached, be distributed to all Members.

That the proposed Rules require alteration to:

(a) reduce the apparent strong emphasis on funding for constituency offices and directly associated activities;

(b) allow Members to claim reimbursement for transportation and meal and accommodation costs incurred during travel in the constituency, rental of meeting halls, hospitality and greeting cards;

(c) include a definition of "constituency office" and perhaps substitute a term which is not ambiguous;

(d) allow sharing of rental offices and staff by Members;

(e) prohibit the use of a Member's office as a campaign headquarters;

(f) permit claims for constituency allowance expenditures incurred during an election period;

(g) allow claims for Zenith telephone services and extra directory listings;

(h) clarify that long distance telephone toll charges are not charges against the constituency allowance;

(i) clarify that printing under the Rules is not to be confused with printing of "householder mailing" provided for by The Legislative Assembly Act.

That the Clerk review constituency allowance claims submitted, discuss questionable items with the Members claiming them and if not resolved, refer such items to the Commission at its next following meeting for decision.

That the Secretary carry out a comparative study of telephone privileges available to Members in Manitoba vis-a-vis other jurisdictions and report at the next meeting recommending appropriate changes and identifying legislative amendments necessary to implement them.

That the Secretary report at the next meeting on the legislative amendments and rule changes required to enable Members to be reimbursed for constituency allowance expenses incurred throughout an election period.

That constituency allowance claims shall be submitted on the form identified in the proposed rules and shall be supported by documents proving the expenditure claimed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

December 6, 1983

10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Hon. Mr. Walding (Chairman), Messrs. Banman, Blake and Sherman.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs. Remnant, Mackintosh and Bryans.

1. At 10:30 a.m. a quorum still not being present the persons assembled dispersed.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of a Meeting held on
December 20, 1983
Room 255 Legislative Building

ATTENDANCE: Hon. Mr. Walding (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Anstett, Messrs. Driedger, Blake and Fox, Ms. Phillips, Hon. Mr. Plohman and Mr. Sherman.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs. Remnant, Mackintosh and Bryans, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Friesen, Messrs. Tallin, Ziprick, Willis, Balasko, Earle and Tuckett.

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

The Commission made the following decisions respecting matters considered.

2. AGENDA

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

3. MINUTES

That the proposed minutes of December 6 be revised to record the names of persons present and to show that a quorum was not present and no meeting was held.

That appendix "A" to the minutes of the November 22 meeting be amended by revising paragraph 2(u) to permit the advertising expenses referred to in that paragraph on an ongoing basis and by adding new paragraph (x) - purchase of greeting cards.

That subject to the foregoing amendments the minutes of the November 22 meeting be adopted.

4. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

That for the December 20 meeting the Commission recess for lunch from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m.

That Commission meetings should normally be held on Thursdays.

5. PROPOSED PERSONNEL POLICIES RESPECTING EMPLOYEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OFFICES

That payment to Mr. Keith Cosens of a salary level above the minimum for his classification be approved.

That all requests for starting salaries above the minimum level for a particular classification must receive the prior approval of the Commission.

That no decision be made respecting the proposed Hansard employees' dental plan pending receipt of further information.

That further discussion of this topic be deferred until a later meeting.

6. PROPOSED INCREASE OF SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PUBLICATIONS

That the annual subscription rate for Hansard be increased to $10 for individuals and to $40 for corporate business and government subscribers.

That the rate increases proposed in Appendix 4-83 for all publications other than Hansard annual subscription rates be approved.

7. 1984-85 MAIN ESTIMATES

That this topic be deferred to a subsequent meeting to allow time for review.

8. SPECIAL WARRANT RE BUDGETARY SHORTFALLS 1983-84

That a Treasury Board submission be advanced requesting special warrant funding for anticipated funding shortfalls for the Legislative Assembly Office and the Office of the Ombudsman.

9. SPECIAL WARRANT - WORD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FOR CAUCUS OFFICES

That immediate action be taken to purchase one stand-alone word processing unit for each caucus office to be funded out of 1984-85 estimates.

That an estimate amendment covering purchase and operating costs for the 2 word processing units be prepared for the next meeting.

That at a subsequent meeting consideration be given to extending an increased secretarial assistance grant to Independent Members.

10. PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE HANSARD WORD PROCESSING FACILITY

That the Secretary prepare fully detailed proposals respecting options 2 and 3 of Appendix 9-83 for a subsequent meeting.

That the Secretary investigate the pros and cons of separate and/or shared operations in other jurisdictions.

That the Speaker meet with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology to discuss with him means to achieve in the short term improved arrangements with respect to shared workplace and facilities.

11. EXPANSION OF TELEPHONE PRIVILEGES FOR MEMBERS

That this topic be deferred until a subsequent meeting.

12. PROPOSED CONSTITUENCY ALLOWANCE RULES

That the effective date of the Constituency Allowance is August 18, 1983 and that only expenses incurred after that date are eligible for reimbursement.

That provisions (a), (b) and (c) of Appendix 7-83 be incorporated into section 1 of the constituency allowance rules.

That paragraph 2(c) and sections 3 and 4 be amended so that all Members may purchase non-partisan signs out of constituency allowance funds.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of a Meeting held on
January 12, 1984
Room 255 Legislative Building

ATTENDANCE: Hon. Mr. Walding (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Anstett, Messrs. Blake, Driedger and Fox, Ms. Phillips and Hon. Mr. Plohman.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs. Remnant, Mackintosh, Bryans, Tallin, Willis, Balasko, Ziprick, Jackson and Tuckett.

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The Commission made the following decisions respecting matters considered.

2. AGENDA

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

3. MINUTES

That the minutes be approved as presented subject to noting that (a) investigation subsequent to the December 20 meeting has established that the effective date of the constituency allowance is April 1, 1983; and (b) that only every 2nd Thursday is suitable for Commission meetings.

4. MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY ALLOWANCES

That the effective date of the constituency allowance be April 1, 1983 as provided by The Legislative Assembly Act amendment and that Members' claims retroactive to that date be approved subject to the regulations issued by the Commission.

5. PROPOSED PERSONNEL POLICIES RESPECTING EMPLOYEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OFFICES

That further discussion be deferred until a later meeting.

6. 1984-85 MAIN ESTIMATES - DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATION

That consideration of the Legislative Assembly estimates be set aside, and the reduction option exercise be carried out in accordance with Treasury Board guidelines prior to the next Commission meeting.

That the estimates of the Provincial Auditor be approved subject to deletion of 2 vacant staff years.

That the estimates of the Ombudsman be approved including a $9,000 increase option for general operating expenses and a $3,100 increase option for provision of a toll free telephone number and with the understanding that the additional staffing request be reexamined in three month's time.

That the estimates of the Elections Office be approved subject to:

(a) reduction of funding for Elections Commission - $35,000;

(b) provision of $35,000 for election finances officer position, $12,000 for holding Canadian election officials' annual conference and $135,000 for pre-election printing of forms and documents; and

(c) reduction of proposed total salaries funding by $17,500.

That the Elections Office explore with the Department of Government Services the possibility of remaining in the Legislative Building and report back to the next meeting of the Commission.

That fees charged for issuing certificates respecting the authenticity of legislation enacted by the Assembly be increased from $5 to $10.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of a Meeting held on
February 2, 1984
Room 255, Legislative Building

ATTENDANCE: Hon. Mr. Walding, (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Anstett, Messrs. Banman, Blake and Fox, Ms. Phillips and Hon. Mr. Plohman.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs. Bryans and Earle, Ms. Friesen, Messrs. Mackintosh, Remnant, Tallin and Tuckett.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The Commission made the following decisions respecting matters considered.

1. AGENDA

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

2. MINUTES

That the minutes be approved as presented.

3. PROPOSED PERSONNEL POLICIES RESPECTING EMPLOYEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OFFICES

That the proposed personnel policies as summarized in Appendix 1-83 be approved as presented.

That the employee dental plan as set out in the proposed agreement, Appendix 19-83, be approved as presented -- noting that an additional expenditure of $2,000 per annum will be incurred by extension of this benefit to Hansard employees.

That the proposed transfer of benefits reciprocal agreement as set out in Appendix 20-83 be approved as presented.

4. 1984-85 MAIN ESTIMATES - DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATION

That the Ombudsman's office increase option request for 1 SY and $30.1 salary funding be approved but that the position not be filled.

That filling of the above position be subject to Commission approval after consideration of a written report to be submitted to it in or after mid-April.

That the Legislative Assembly estimates be reduced in the following areas by the amounts indicated:

- Salary -- Clerk of Internal Economy	- $3.1
- Clerk's operating budget	- 1.0
- Funding re Centre for Legislative Exchange -- both caucuses	- 2.2
- Government caucus allocation -- due appointment of 2 additional Ministers	- 6.4
- Committees Branch operating budget	- 2.0
- Chamber Branch salary contingency	- 10.0

That the following Legislative Assembly increase options be approved as presented:

- Clerk's Office renovations	- $20.0
- Stand-alone word-processing unit	- 15.0
- Hansard Indexer and training and end of session clean up time.	- 1.35 SY

That consideration of the increase options respecting the translation of Votes and Proceedings and the provision of simultaneous interpretation services to standing and special committees be deferred.

That the increase option respecting a one-month attachment to the UK House of Commons for a Clerk in 1984 not be approved and that staff endeavour to arrange instead a 3 month attachment in 1985 or 1986 with the understanding that funding for such an attachment if available would be given favourable consideration in estimates when presented.

That conversion of the existing sessional CL3 position to a permanent CL3 or AY4 be approved to perform some of the duties of the proposed new AY2 and Administrative Officer positions neither of which were approved.

That the required SY be provided by redeployment from sessional staff and that an additional $12.0 be provided.

That the Chief Electoral Officer be advised in writing that he holds the combined positions of C.E.O. and Clerk Assistant and must therefore carry out the responsibilities of the latter position on a regular basis as required.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of a Meeting held on
March 29, 1984
Room 255, Legislative Building

ATTENDANCE: Hon Mr. Walding (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Anstett, Messrs. Banman, Blake and Downey, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Scott and Hon. Mr. Uruski.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs. Remnant, Mackintosh and Bryans.

MEMBERSHIP: The Chairman reported the following membership changes:
Mr. Downey replacing Mr. Sherman;
Mr. Scott replacing Mr. Fox;
Hon. Mr. Uruski replacing Hon. Mr. Plohman.

AGENDA - approved as presented.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2 - adopted as presented.

The following subjects were discussed resulting in the conclusions indicated.

Disability Insurance Coverage for Commission Employees

That staff concentrate its strongest efforts in obtaining admission of Commission employees into the plan.

Reconfirmation of Signing Authorities

That the proposal be approved as presented subject to substituting on the form "Management Commission" for "Minister".

Dollar Limits of Purchasing Authority

That the delegation of purchasing authority be approved as presented subject to prior approval of (a) the Commission where purchases exceed $25,000 and (b) Treasury Board on recommendation of the Commission where purchases exceed $250,000 -- see "A" attached.

Part-time Sessional/Full-Time Summer Employment of Gordon Mackintosh

That the topic be deferred to the next meeting and that a background paper be circulated prior to that meeting.

Division of Responsibilities Between Management Commission and Rules Committee

That the topic be deferred to the next meeting and that a background paper be circulated prior to that meeting.

Legislative Internship Program

That the topic be deferred to the next meeting to permit consideration of the proposals by both caucuses.

Transcribing of Commission Proceedings

That the proceedings of this meeting and prior meetings not be transcribed and that the proceedings of future meetings not be recorded.

Members' Telephone Privileges

That the existing telephone privileges available to Members be expanded so that all Members will be provided with telephone credit cards and will be authorized to charge to the legislature the cost of all long distance calls made relating to legislature business.

And that an amendment to s.66.4(2) reflecting the above decision be introduced at the next session.

And that the Government House Leader be authorized to request the Attorney-General to incorporate the amendment in the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1984.

Office for Former Opposition Leader

That this topic be deferred but be retained on the agenda.

Proposed Reclassification of Executive Assistant to Leader of Opposition

That this topic be deferred to permit presentation of supporting information at the next meeting.

Winnipeg Smoking By-Law

That this topic be deferred to the next meeting.

Attachment of Clerk

That attachment of a Clerk-at-the-Table to the UK Parliament for 3 months in 1986 be approved.

Constituency Allowance Rules

That the constituency allowance rules in force be amended to permit:

(a) payment of wages or salaries to staff hired by an individual Member, by several Members together, or by a caucus;

(b) identification of party affiliation on printed business cards, letterheads and envelopes;

(c) the purchase of $1,000 worth of office furniture and equipment in each year and maximum of $5,000 in the term of each legislature; and

(d) the inclusion of computers, word processing equipment and related software in the meaning of office furniture and equipment;

That the revised rules be circulated to all Members of the Assembly with a covering letter identifying the changes made.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

[illegible] AUTHORITY - DOLLAR LIMITS

The Legislative Assembly Management Commission authorizes the Speaker to exercise the powers, duties or functions, granted, imposed, or conferred upon the Speaker pursuant to section 10 of The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act subject only to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS	APPROVAL REQUIRED FROM
a) Where the total purchase price does not exceed $25,000 and where any excess over the amount stated in a purchase agreement entered into does not exceed $2,500.	Speaker or Designate
b) Where the total purchase price does not exceed $250,000 and where any excess over the amount stated in a purchase agreement entered into does not exceed $25,000.	Commission (with Notification to Treasury Board)
c) i) Where excess over amount stated in a purchase agreement is $25,000 or greater.	Treasury Board on the Recommendation of the Legislative Management Commission
ii) Where the basic purchase price combined with any excess over the amount stated in a purchase agreement entered into is $250,000 or greater.	Treasury Board on the Recommendation of the Legislative Management Commission
(iii) Where sufficient funds are not available in the budget.	Treasury Board on the Recommendation of the Legislative Assembly Management Commission

This authority is to be effective from, on and after April 2, 1984, and is to remain in effect until changed in writing by The Legislative Assembly Management Commission.

CHAIRMAN

MEMBER

MEMBER

SECRETARY
April 2, 1984